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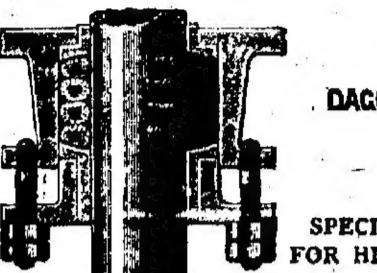
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[383] 1.—HALF-MILE RACE. Prize Presented, For all China Ponies; wright for inches as per scale with 12lbs, added, Subscription Griffing of 1894/95, slipwed 7lbs.; bona fide Polo Ponies and Hacks, silowed 12lbs.; Second to receive \$10; Third to save Stake.

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Hongkong, 21st March, 1805. Shipping.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 1895.

THE MERCHANTS, THE GOVERN-MENT AND THE STRIKERS.

THE action taken by the Committee of leading European merchants to arrange a modus vivendi with the strikers, who have caused to much trouble and such great losses to the whole mercantile community of Hongkony, unfortunately appears to have been a misdirected effort, partaking strongly of the nature of a atriking example of how "too many cooks spoil the broth." The intention of Mr. J. J. Keswick and his colleagues was, no doubt, to assist the Government, if possible, to effect a speedy termination of the strike and, if the Committee had throughout kept in close touch with the Government and, while displaying a consiliatory spirit towards the malcontents, had declined to do more than merely inform the Government exactly what the strikers' alleged grievances were and recommended that, in whatsoever manner it might be possible, some concessions should be made. Instead of that, however, the Committee issued a proclamation last the Executive; for the Committee proposed certain concessions should be to the Coolie Lodging-house keepers when the strike was probably the Government, which, to its credit, has throughout maintained a very firm attitude, could not possibly be expected to give way in any shape or form since it was well

As far as the conference, which was to have been held at Government House this morning, is concerned it had to be have been observed at Taohua Island, about

abandoned at the eleventh hour, for his Excellency the Governor sent his answer to the Committee last night to the effect that he would make no concessions and that he did not view the suggestions concerning the Landlords with any favour at all. As a matter of fact the P & O Co.'s Compradore was on the point of registering all his coolies yesterday, but when he heard of the palavering at the City Hall he of Department:course put it off. The strike was, we are assured, practically over last night, but the conference between the European Committee and the leading Chinese will, we fear, result in a prolongation of the struggle between Capital and Labour The keepers of lodging houses and head men must be held primarily responsible, otherwise the new sanitary. laws will, we fear, be likely to become a dead letter and the slums of the colony will be as filthy as ever and the danger of a recurrence of the plague or some other deadly epidemic just as imminent

It is unfortunate that any difficulty should have arisen between the heads of the large European hongs and the Government and, without expressing an opinion as to who is in the wrong, we are bound to urge both parties to work together for the general good. "A house divided against itself cannot stard "and although there may be some justifiable difference Monday for a further term of service on the of opinion, yet, the die having been cast China Station. the danger involved in budging an inch is so serious as to warrart the pocketing of all differences for the present. When the strike is over some modification of the Visiting knights are cordially invited to attend. laws, if desirable, may be made with safety, but we fail to see how, in view of all that has transpired during the past week a middle course can now with safety be adopted. Moreover, is it necessary? We korg Volunteers at Union Church at 11 clock authorities, which, of course, did not effect think not, seeing the Government is, if to-morrow morning. Members Intendingto be public belief in the authenticity of the fact stated thus saving all i termediate profits and enabling driven to it, probably perfectly competent present are requested to muster at Headquiters This was followed by the suspension of the us to supply the hest prowths at moderate to "Hold the Fort" against all the odds

that the guilds can possibly hurl against it "" Many men, many minds" is an old saying verified in this case and it probably between 9 and 10.30 a.m., on Sunday, toponvey It's, says the Stratts Times of the 20th instant, their guarantee, to which the Committee assented. arisen. Better results might, possibly, be achieved if one "strong man" only be appointed to represent the community throughout the present crisis.

TELEGRAMS.

(Special to Hongkong Telegraph.) LI HUNG-CHANG.

SHANGHAL March 30th. Li Hung-charg is progressing atead ly towards perfect recovery. He is out of danger and it is to be hoped will soon continue perleying,

LI HUNG CHANG.

LONDON, March 20th. It is expected that Li Hung-chang will be recovered sufficiently to resume the negotiations for peace in a few days.

THE MILITARY CONTRIBUTIONS.

Mr. Sydney Charles Buxton, Parliamentary Under Secretary for the Colonies, in reply to a question by Mr. T. Henniker-Heaton, Member quality and of greater age than most brands for Capterbury, said that it was not expedient to appoint a Select Committee, it willis of the Strain and Hongkong, and that an inter-depart "E" is universalist total connolsseurs to mental committee was considering the whole be superior to any other brand in the question of the contribution of Eastern Colonies,

THE CUBAN REVOLT. Senor Canovas states that the situation in Cuba is a grave one, that two thousand more froops will follow the seven thousand already despaiched, and that the Government is prepared to send one hundred thousand if necessary.

(Special to Shanghai Mercury.) THE JAPANESE EMPEROR DISPATCHES SURGEONS.

AN AIDE-DE-CAMP CONVEYS MESSAGES. YOKCHAMA, 25th March,

A telegram from Hiroshima, dated March 24th; states that immediately upon receiving the Makung in the Pescadores. The cannonade report of the painful occurrence the Emperor disaptched two of his principal surgeons, Drs. Sato and Jahigure, to Shimonoseki to attend the wounded Viceroy. Colonel Nakamurs, the sea and land, the Japanese landing an armed perconal aide-de-camp to the Emperor, was also party. sent immediately to Li Hung-chang, carrying messages of sympathy from the Emperor and Empress. Three officials left Hiroshima for Shimonoseki by special steamer.

THE FIRING ON THE PESCADORES.

A PROLONGED ATTACK. AMOY, March 25th. The officials at Chonghwa and Karyes on the mainland of Formosa report having yesterday heard he vy cannonading all day from the Pescadores. The firing was not renewed this

(Special to North-China Daily News.) THE PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.

PEKING, March 23rd. Peace negotiations bave begun at Hiroshima, The first question discursed was that of an armistice, but no decision was arrived at. . The reception of Li Hung-chang was co-dial, and the outlook of the negotiations is viewed as

WAR MOVEMENTS.

SHANHAIKWAN, March 24th. Governor Wu Te-cheng's army has retreated to Shisanshan, about twenty odd miles northcast of Nort: Kinchow, on the left bank of the night -a copy of which was published in | General Sung's army is now marching through the hill country called Panaban, about eighteen miles cast of Wu Ta-cheng's army. The enemy's English railway lines, where, according to the advanced posts are known to be in the vicinity famous classification, "cats is dogs, and rabbit of the East Shaho river and are expected to is dogs, and parrots likewise; but this yer torti march against the Chinese army within a few is a insec, and there aint no charge." cays, as the recent snowstorms have been too severe for active movements of any dimension. on the eve of utter collapse. Moreover, A battle will probably take place for possession of No. 1165, Freemasons' Hall, list bight North Kinchow in the vicinity of Shisanshan, E. Comp...... G. L. Tomilo was installed as Z The Hunan troops of Governor Wu will form E. Comp...... P. R. Simmouds the cer tre; the Generalissimo, Liu K'un-yi's E. Comp...... S. L' Darby GY assisted by the General Sung Ching, the left wing of the Chinese officers of the D. G. Chapter. aware that the power of the strike- forces. Governor Wu will probably be unable leaders was on the wane, victory well to take part in the expected battle as he has officers as follows :-"change of front" was likely to lead to K'un-yi has asked that his departure should be Scribe N. H. W. Robertson, deferred. Cavalry reconnaisances of the coast Treas. to the south of North Kinchow have been made | Principal Solomore | Solomore every day, despite the weather, and this morning | 1st assist. ... G. P. Lammert, it is reported that Japanese ships and troops and m

140 If south of .. Kinchow. The Island has ROADWOOD Planos at W. Robinson & Co. been taken possession of by the enemy but no attempt on the mainland har, up to date of "elegram, been made by them.

[From Japanese Papers] CHO ERA AT MOII,

FUKUOKA, March 10th. The following telegram descatched by the vernor of Fakaoka has reached the Home

An epidemic of a vomiting and purging nature broke out at Moll on the 8th instant, As it confourd to spread suspicions were aroused but nething was ascertained by the doctor in charge of the cases as to the neture of the epidemi Afterwards the doctors of the Prefectural Hospital were invited to see the patients. As a result d a post-mortem examination it was discovere that the patients had been enff ring fr. m cholera Measures are now being taken to check the spread of the malady. Eightern persons have been affected by the diserse, of whom ten succombed, and there are signs of a further sprand, The first patient is said to have been visiting a transport which recently returned from China.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

COLLARD & COLLARD PIANOS at W. Robinson

As will be seen by an advertisement in another part of this issue that well known Macso hotel the Bon Vista is to let.

THE British cruiser Archer and the gunboats Linust and Peacock will be recommissioned on

A REGULAR meeting of the Victoria Preceptory will be held in Freemasons' Hall, Zethad Street this evening, at 8.30 for 9 o'clock precisely.

NEW plane repairing machinery, received by cher, thereby inflicting certain injury. W. Robinson & Co.

THERE will be a Church Parade of the Hong- following day was withdrawn by order of the

THE Mission steam-launch Day Spring will call alongside vessels hoisting code peniant C men ashore to the II o'clock service, rearning about 12.30 pm.

FUGILIST Jack Dempsey will probably biplaced in an arrium in New York until he has reovered sufficiently to permit his removal to hisfamily at Portland, Oregon. He attempted to ske his life at Coney Island the other day by cutting for days ago to compete for the Government the arteries of his wrist with a fork.

As will be seen by an advertisement is another column two concerts, in aid of local harities, will be given at the Theatre Royal, thy Hall, lae Mr. Gun Hong Kee enjoyed a high reputaon Thursday and Saturday next, the 4th and 6th proximo, when Mendelsiohn's "Tymn of Praise " will be performed by a full gebestra and chorus, under the direction of Mr. G. P. Lammert

W. ROBINSON & Co., plane builders, tiners and

THE Peruvian newspapers severely citicise the action of British residents in Peru in asking their Minister to intervane in the internal and external affairs of the country. If Great Britain | these parts, appear to have decided to takes any action in Peruvian matters, Peruvians will as crt the Monroe doctrine. They want Spanish America for the Spanish tat as peace is about to be made these civil

THE following is from Mr. Jno. A. Sullivaris | Otain their respective appointments. Conse-Shanghal share report of the 23rd instant :- | dently there is much dissatisfection in camp Hongkong and Shanghal Banks at 170 per cent. sinnight the troops, and preparations are being North Chinas at Tis. 2071. Indo-Chinas at mide. in the usual manner, for frustrating these was attended by the Colonial Secretary and Tie. 314. Farnham & Co. shares at Tie. 1371 ilgalities. In the course of a few months there the Captain Superintendent of Police. The Co. shares at Tis. 95, Tis. 103, Tis. 101 for cash, at a Ko-lao-hwel, or a member of one of the and for clearance 30th Jone at Tis. 105.

THE last sale of property to be made by the Liquidators of the Singapore Insurance Company was put through on the sist instant. The shareholders, says the Siratts Times, will be disappointed if there is any further delay in issuing a statement. They want to know about the alleged defalcations which have been a matter of public legal procedure.

On the 23rd instant, says the Shanghal Mercury, twelve Japanese men-of-war made a serious attack on the forts to the north of was continued all day long and about a o'clock in the afternoon the ships withdrew for the day. The attack was renewed on the 24th, both by

NEW Comic Song and Dance Albums at Robinson & Co.

THE conduct of the two beligerents in the present war may be very briefly summed up by a meeting of the Committee to consider what stating that the Japanese have done better than steps we should take, and we unanimously even their best friends expected, their organisa decided that out first efforts should be in the the Chinese have done less than might have been anticipated, and, despite a few individual cases of some bravery and capacity, the corrupinformed thought to be the case,"

AT 3.10 this morning a fire broke out at 252 Queen's Road Central, near West Street.

vouches for the truth of the story, tells how a impose a poll-tax. We pointed out in Railway natural history in India would seem from the above to differ from that taught or

AT the Regular Convocation of Gathay Chapter

M.E. Comp. G. L. Tomita then invested his

although they were unable to communicate with the pocile house keepers they were under the impression that if the landlords could be substituted for the tenant as the person to segister under the Ordinance, the evolies would

"BE British gunboat Linnet, Commander Bearroft, arrived here this afternoon from Tientaln,

THE Aden and Cormorthenshire are said tave taken to-day nearly 2000 coolles Singapore.

HE Portuguesé gunboat D/u, Commander A. Somes, which arrived here yesterday afternoon rom Macan, went into Kowloon Dock for the sual periodical overhaul.

Wx learn, says the Shanghad Mercury, that but we vessels of the Russian squadron now jemsin in the Mediterranean, the rest having made their way to Chinese waters. They are taking up their positions very quietly. A few nights ago four vessels passed Hongkong with sujentering the port, and the week before a fler of five torpedo boats was discovered, restin during the day amongst the Chusans.

His Excellency the Governor has kindly consenied to open the new Kowloon Institute, onsection with St. Peter's Seamen's Church, on wesday next, the 2nd of April, at 5.15 p.m. te kindness of Colonel Barrow and Officers, the and of the Hongkong Regiment will be stendance at 5 o'clock. A collection will be rade in aid of the Building Fund ; about \$1200 se still required. The Opening Ceremony will h followed by a Tea and Entertainment for raiors and soldiers.

speardions, strings and fittings of all kinds at W. Robinson & Co

hated discussion took place at Hiroshima betreen Ito, Prime Minister, and Rear-Admiral Viscount Kabayama, during which the latter becme so excited as to strike the former with a

fote. The above telegram was published in Nitto yesterday, for publishing a certain ar icle | default of the tenant. detrimental to social peace in its issue on the 14th.-Ed. " R. S. & N. R."]

be the wealthlest Chinaman in Penang, has died saddenly. The deceased, who was nearly forly years of age, was Optum and Spirit Farmer in leaning at the time of his death. One of the deceased's sons, Gun Teong Tat, is at present of the coolies, and they hoped that h Singapore, and arrived here from Penang a and Queen's Scholarships; but, in consequence of his father's death, he will not compete at present at this year's examination, but will return toPenang by the P. & O. steamer Robilla. The tion for liberality and benevolence. He was the plaist brother of Mr. Gun Gob Kee, the principal navager in the Singapore Oplum and Spirit

HE generation, creation and multiplication of o-lac-hwei men. says a Shanghai contemprary, are progressing very fast. Sometime to the troops were promised an increase of pay id rations, by the High Authorities, but the vil commanders of many battallons, now under aleeze the soldiers out of Tis. 2 monthly from bir pay of Tis. 4.20, for rations, under the plea Commanders will have no opportunity to recover the various amounts they have expended to nherous lodges now known to exist and flourish uter every commander, but unknown, or opsed by him. The proclamation of peace mi prove more dangerous to China than the destation of war

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.?

THE MERCHANTS AND THE STRIKERS.

To the Epitor of the "Hongkong Telegraph." SIR. - As members of the committee appointed f themceting held at the City Hall on Thursday, the 286 inst., to consider what should be done in the present labour crisis, we beg to request that you will publish the following statement of what we have done in the interval, and of what has taken place :-

We leid immediately after the public meeting

tion having been most carefully worked out a direction of obtaining information as to what the grievances of the coulies really were. With that object we summoned at once the compradores of the leading firms to confer with us and on their tion and incompetency, of officers; generally, is advice we awaited the result of the meeting found to be deeper seated than even the best they were to hold themselves the same evening. We understand that this meeting continue until 10 p.m., and the following morning we were informed that they would meet us at 3 p.m.together with representatives of other whole premises were burnt out and next door, influentia native firms, and communicate to us at 354, the top floor was also seriously damaged, their views. We accordingly met them at The ground floor was insured for \$500 with the p.m. yeterday, at the Chamber of Commerce Sun Fire Insurance Company for which Messra. Room, all enquired whether they could inform Siemssen & Cof alp(the agents The two top us whatthe gretvances of the coolies were, if floors, where an esting bouse was located, were any, and what they suggested should be done insured with the Meiji Fire Insurence Co., for | under thecircumstances. They replied that the which the Mitsul Bussan Kaisha are the agents. great applehension of the coolies was that the proposal to register really concealed behind it A CORRESPONDENT of the Times of India, who an interion of the Government ultimately to lady travel ing between Kurachee and Multan strongest way possible, in rejoinder, that the with two tame squirrels was storped at a station idea of a poli-tax was perfectly preposterand told she must take a dog ticket for each ous, and was , entirely contrary to the West Shaho river, where the army commissariat equirel, as squirrels wate "dovs"; and was general principle of British Colonial Governfurther compelled to put them in the dog box, ment. His Excellency, the Governor, had already almost stated in Council that such an ides was out of the question. We thereupon asked them if they had any other grievances, and their reply was that although they had not communicated with them, the Chinese Deputation understood that the coolies were airaid that if they were registered they would hereafter, be treated in a similar manner to that to which the cargo-boat men had been subjected; for, although only a nominal fee had been charged at the commencement it was afterwards very considerably increased. The same had been done with the ricksha men, and they also instanced the brothels which are now unregistered; and it seemed anamalous Monday, the 1st April at 11 a.m., and we to them that bonest free labour should be taxed, and thus be put below those who carned their liveliheed by vice. They added that

probably return to their work and business be

At this stage it became necessary for us to as. certain what view His Exce lency, the Governor, would be likely to take of such a proposal and a member of the Committee went to ascertain whether His Excellency could then be interviewed. Unfortunately, the Governor at the time was affoat and it was impossible to say when he would return. The Committee therefore decided that they would wait upon the

Colonial Secretary who was able to see them. At the interview with Mr. Lockbart the Committee briefly related to him what had taken place, and mentioned that if the registration of landlords were resorted to the coolies would probably be satisfied. Mr. Lockhart, very naturally. did not feel at liberty to express any opinion as to what view His Excellency might take of the matter, but he courteously promised to see the Governor the same evening and communicate to him what the Committee had said. The Committee intimated that they would not leave their offices until 6.30 p.m., and would be at H.E.'s disposal.

The Chinese deputation were meanwhile

awaiting in the City Hall the return of the Committee and they were informed what had taken place. The Committee enquired, as time was of the most urgent importance, whether they did not think that they could manage to bring influence to bear on the coolles, and persuade them to return to work at once. They stated that it was very doubtful, but they thought that If the members of the Committee, who represented very important interests in the Colony, were to FULLy stock of banjos, mandolines, guitars give their personal guarantee, or the guarantee of their firms, whichever it might be, that there was no intention of imposing a poll-tax or registration fee, it might be possible to persuade THE Rising Sun and Nagasaki Express pub- the coolies to be satisfied and to return to work. Ishes the following telegram, dated Tokio, 13th A member of the Chinese deputation, in coninst:-In connection with the question of peace, suitation with others, expressed a desire to know from the Committee what their views were as to substituting the landlord for registration instead of the tenant as proposed The Committee, in view of the fact that the Chinese deputation, many of whom were important landlords, had expressed a willingness to the Chinale Nifeo of the 14th inst., and the be registered in place of the tenant in order to bridge the present difficulty, saw no reason to object to the transposition; especially as the Government in the Ordinance recently passed provide for his (the landlord's) registration in

The Chinese deputation then asked the Committee if they would embody their views upon telegraphed that Mr. Gun Hong Kee, reputed to | This guarantee was then drawn up-in English in the terms which have appeared in the public papers. The deputation thereupon informed the Committee that they would translate it into Chinese and announce it for the information might have the desired effect. They mentioned that they felt much anxiety on th subject as their own losses consequent upon the sifike were very severe. The Committee thereupon took leave of the Deputation, who, they have subsequently learned, arranged to have the substance of this guarantee circulated in Chinese Later in the evening the Chairman received a letter from the Colonial Secretary, dated at 7-30 p.m., a copy of which is attached (marked A) Being late, about 8.05 r.m., no action could then be taken, but the letter was circulated this forenoon and a meeting of the Committee was called for 11.45 a.m. to consider what should be done in view of His Excellency's decision. At 11.05 a.m. another letter was received

from the Colonial Secretary by the Chair-

man a copy of which is attached (marked

B). This letter was also submitted to the Committee at their meeting, and it was decided to ask His Excellency for an interview which was arranged to take place at 2,30 p,m The Committee accordingly waited upon His Excellency at Government House, accompanied by the Honorable Dr. Ho Kai, who, in view of his knowledge of the Chinese, would be able Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Mackintosh, Dr. Ho Kal, and Mr. Dennys, all explained to His Excellency and the Officers with him what had taken place, and, as reporters were present, a detailed statement of what passed on both sides will doubtless be published. The Committee consider that they will best consult their own dignity and self-respect if they pass over without comment some of the remarks which fell from the Captain Superintendent of Police, as they were promptly withdrawn; but they cannot refrain from expressing surprise and regret at the evident determination of the officers of the Government

to prejudge and not even to calmly debate the whole question. The subject of the registration of landowners, or tenants, is one upon which there may very properly be a difference of opinion, but in view of the fact that we had the expressed conviction of the Chinese deputation that by the registration of landlords instead of the head coolies the present strike would be at an end, the Committee consider that it was fully justified in strongly recommending the measure. The Government had legislated practically that registration should take place either by the tenant or by the landford, therefore they had in effect conceded what he Chinese deputation required, for it was perfectly competent for a landlord to register in default of the tenant appearing, and yet he would comply with the law, and the full benefits of the Health Ordinance, and the enforcement of By-Laws thereunder would be obtaine ! The highly colored picture drawn by the

Captain Superintendent of Police of the great

lisabilities that would be incurred, particularly

by European landlords, can be dismissed at once or it is perfectly possible to obtain from the Chinese tenant securities that shall amply cover the pains and penalties that are provided the law. The Committee may state that their daily business in this colony they risks (with Chinese) that are fa greater than are provided by this legislation. It will be observed in the report of what was said by the Honorable the Colonial Secretary that he took some exception to the manner which the Committee's guarantee was translated and its publication, in face of His Excellency' determination, already expressed by letter, not to acquiesce in their proposal. We think, however, that what passed will make it perfectly clear to him and the public that no importance can be attached to these incidents as the guarantee was given in English more than two hours before H. E.'s letter was received, and with reference to the translation, though the Comp mittee can accept no responsibility therefor, they are informed that it was a fair one, and not open to the criticism passed on it by the Colonial

What we have already written appears to be sufficient to convey to the public, and those who appointed us at the public meeting, a fair idea of all that has taken piace up to the present time, and we leave the subject at this stage. We propose calling another public meeting on trust that this grave subject will be calmly and exhaustively discussed.

Apologising for the length of this letter, which the importance of the subject rendered unavoid-We ate, Bir,

Your obedient servants THE COMMITTEE!

(Copy).

COVERNMENT HOUSE. Tongkong, 7 30 p.m My DEAR KESWICK,-I bave just seen His Excellency, the Governor, who directs me to state, for the information of the Committee, that he is averse to making any concession whatever, and d es not view favourably the proposal you h ve sub nitted.

Yours very truly. (Signed) J. H. STHWART-LOCKHART. P.S -Capiain Superintendent of Police reputs that in his orinton the Strike is practically

30th March, 1805. DEAR KESWICK .- Will you kindly ask Mr. Ho Tung to let me bave a list of the Chinese gentlemen who met the Committee vesterday. I have just seen a Chinese notice which porports to have been issued by the Committee. It contains a statement calculated to misland the coolies. It states that the Committee are certain that the Governor will grant the request to allow land owners to register instead of head coolies. From my letter to you last night you will know that the Governor is not prepared to grant this request, and you will remember at our meeting yesterday I said no notice should be issued until the Governor had given his decision. Can you tell me under whose authority the notice was issued? I am sure the members of the Committee would not be parties to misleading

Yours very truly, (Signed) J. H. STLWART-LOCKHART

THE STRIKE.

Last night at 7.30 in Waochai It, is reported that a couple of hundred of coal lumpers were intimidating ricksha coolies. The police soon gof wind of the affair and sent out a strong detachment of the force, but when the strikers saw them coming, they testantly dispersed in every possible direction, and there was no further disturbance in that respect during the night, It is reported that a ver 400 coolles from Hong.

kong resumed work at Quarry Bay this morning in the Sugar Refinery. Everything at Aberdeen and Ourrry Bay Ir moving smoothly again. The Machezo left for

Canton to unload her rice cargo; but the convicts are still handling coal at Wanchai. His Excellency the Governor, and Mr. Lockhait, the Colont I Secretary, and Mr. May. Captain Superintendent of Police. think the worst of the strike is post and that in a few days all will be moving along smoothly. They believe that it is unnecessary and impracticable to modify the present policy of the Government, in regard to registration, and they are prepared to carry ou! the views of the Executive at any cost. They believe their present policy, which has been the result of long and careful deliberation, is the only safe, dignified consistent and feasible one to follow and that any course such as has been suggested by many well meaning and prominent citizens and by leading European and Chinese merchants, and shippers, would be very in-

These conclusions are the substance of a rather stormy meeting held this afternoon at Government House, at which a Sub-Committee, representing the ratire Committee appointed at the recent Public Meeting on the strike question, presented the wishes of the Chinese merchants. in behalf of the striving coolies, to His Excellency the Governor. We shall comment in full on this remarkable meeting in our next issue, but we think the less we say about it for the present the better for all concerned. It may be added, however, that his Excellency stoutly refused to make any concessions to Coolie House keepers and assured the Committee that the Government could and would win in the

Vide. advertisement in re another public meeting to be held at the City Hall on Monday at II a.m.

THE ENGINEERS' DANCE

All of us have learned long since to appreciate the hard common-sense of the successful engineer, and those of us who have observed him in his professional life, know that, of all callings, his is the one in which fanciful theorising meets with the least favour. He is essentially a practical man, and in his daily duties sticks close to the tried paths of well established experience. His scientific dreams and investigations he keeps for the guiet, of his study and the secreey of his laboratory, and, although, at times, amidst the whirl of his machinery, when everything is moving smoothly; he may lapse Into reflections on the possibilities future years will develop in mechanical discoveries, yet his eye and ear are ever on the alert, and the lesst irregularity of condition or movement in the enormously complex mechanism entrusted to him, instantly calls him back from his fancies to its, immediate relief and most zealous care, true engineer is as fond of his living giantsteed as a mother is of her child, and the companionship he derives from long and close association with its many interdependent parts and its ever varying trials and moods, especially when the engine is an elaborate one is in many cases, even touching. We have known those who have become so intensely attached to their engines as to be almost broken-hearted at any serious mishap to them. We have seen engineers running fine railway locomotives who fairly worshipped their first-footed greyhounds, gave them the fondest names, decked them on gala-occasions in the fairest leaves and flowers ; washed, oiled and burnished their minutest parts and paid all the homage a lover could show in thought and labguage to the actions and accomplishments of the object of their devotion, Anyone who has been much thrown in contract with engineers in their routine life will not be surprised to hear these scientific enthusiasts speaking in the most affectionate terms of and to their favorite engines, and stroking them av a sporting man would a fine animal, in calling attention to their excellent parts. This is, however, not what we set out to

describe, and is perhaps not in strict keeping with the caption of these semarks; but, as we watched the boys and their sweethearts last night enjoy themselves, and as we stood back and from our niche, while listening the spirited music, took in the bright lights and beautiful decorations and pretty costumes, as well as the merry face sand graceful moving figures, and animated conversations and delightfully uttered sincere and insincere complimentary-nothings, that do-so-much to smooth the neeven paths of life, we felt our grey hairs turn brown again and life grow better and brighter. We thought how well most of those folly couples deserved this pleasant diversion, The sisters coming from their scenes of trying household cares; the brothers, from their prossic confiding and monotonous scenes of daily toil. It was a needed relaxation for both, and it was interesting to see the matter-of-fact way in which all present enjoyed it. But, as we were saying, a true engineer is practical even in his social diversions, and last evenlog's dance was a good illos ration of this trait. The ball-rooms. balcories and side rooms were free from all signs of surplus decoration, especially of timeworm, paiched and not over-tidy military and savai builting. Everything had a neat, cheerful more like a home from all pretenses. It seemed

dance; and the arciable, welcome-all atmosphere of the festivi les made one easy and unrestrained from opening to close of the festivities. The refreshments were ample, convenient of access and just what the occasion required. The evening was cool and erfect for dancing and everyone seemed t, enter into the spirit of the hour, and few left before the final strains of the last orchestral accompaniment melted away into the grey down of the early morn.

There were some four fundred present, and the whole affair was an unqualified success, a credit alike to the organizers and everybody who was concerted in the entertainment of the delighted quests, who e praise was unstinted and whose only complaint was that such a pleasant reunion should be so soon brought to a close.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

THE Canadian Pacific Railway Co.'s steamship Empress of Japan left Yokohama for Vancouver this morning.

TO-DAY'S SHIPPING RETURNS. Inward.

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The British steemship Ayr, which arrived here to-day, left Kute i jotza- on the 24th di stant. Erem Kutchine'zu to Turnabout had southerly winds and dence fogs, From Turnabout to Hongkong had north-cast monsoor and fine weather.

The British steam hip Namon, from Swatow, lef Swatow on the 20th Instant. Exom Swatow to port had moderate north-east breeze, and Isliawing sea with fine clear weather. In Swatow the steamships Kwanglee, Paoting, and Thales.

The British steamship Talsang left Shanghal on the 25th Instant, and Swatow on the 20th. From Shanghai to Steep Island had fine clear whether with moderate southerly breeze; thence to Taichau Islands had forgy weather, anchored there for as hours ; thence had fresh north-northeast to north-east winds with high sea and heavy rain to arrival at Swatow; thence to port bad fine weather and moderate monsoon. In Swatow the steamsh'ps Thales, Rio, Paoting, and Loyal.

The British steamship Gaelfe left San Francirculon the 5th instant at 4.05 p.m., and had westerly winds to Yakohama, arrived there on the 21st at 8,21 p.m., and sailed from Yokohams on the 23rd at 3.52 p.m.; arrived at Nagasaki on the 26th at 9 s.m., silled from Nagasaki on the 27th at 6 o6 *.m. To the 28th had strong southwest winds and head sea ; thence to Chapel Island had strong northerly and north-east winds and cloudy weather, and thence to port had moderate porth-east winds and cloudy weather. On the 24th, at 11 a.m., passed a German barque, showing Q.C.R.G., wishing to be reported.

The British steamship Fushum left Shanghal on the 26th Instant, From Woosung to Bonham had moderate breeze and doll, cloudy hazy weather. From Bonham to Chinean Island had moderate south-east winds and thick foggy weather. Anchored for nine bours between Chinsan Island and Steep Is'and, during dense fog. From Steep Island to the Haeshans had moderate somberly winds and fog at times. From Hacshans to Turnabout had very strong monsoon with high following sea and dult glooms threatening weather, with frequent heavy rain squalls. From Turnshout to Chapel Island had strong monsoon and following sea with dark cloudy weather; thence to port had moderate monsoon and fine clear weather, with moderate following sea.

CURIO'S WAGES CLA'M.

A curlous claim for wages for detention at Aden of the Jananese cruiser Tatreta, built at Elswick, was heard on the 18th nit. at Newcastle County Co et. Arthur O'Nell, a fireman, in a test case claimed £34, balance of wages he was to receive under an agreement with Mesers. Armstrong, Mitchell and Co. on the voyage of the Totsuta to Yakobama. Mr. Joel for the plaintiff out in an agreement by which each fireman and trimmer was to receive £40, paying his own passage back. The Tatsuta left Elswick July 21, 1804. War was declared on Aug. 3, and the vessel was arrested under circumstances which are well known here. The firemen returned to England and applied to the Elswick firm for wages. They replied, "If you were directed to break your engagement by a responsible officer of the British Government you should trial. All three are highly respected. look to that officer for a settlement of your claim,"-Mr: Greenwell, for the defendants, said the Captain endeavoured to induce the men to proceed, but they declined to do so, and owing to a circumstance which happened in the meantime the contract became impossible of performance. It was as difficult to see who they should get anything from the defendants as it was to see why the defendants should get anything from the crew. The contract having become impossible of performance the crew were not entitled to recover anything.-The Judge: Tat sounds hard .- Mr. Joel: It is not law .- The Judge: If it were law it would be hard. I shall not make it law unless I am forced.-Legal argument having followed. Mr. Greenwell said he would call no witnesses .- His Honour said the case was one of such importance that he would take time to consider his judgment.

MISCELLANEOUS.

have sent \$660 for distribution among the crew of the wrecked ship Earnicliffs. This is not the first time that generous aid has thus been sent to Singapore, but, we may point out as the men are maintained by the Board of Trade, and receive their wages in full until they obtain employment or are sent home, the money so received is really only an inducement for "grogshop " indulgence.

later information it seems, says the Rangoom Times, that the whole crew, eighteen in number, refused duty at Diamond Harbour, and that on the Captain attempting to get them to work he was attacked; the Steward In defending Captain Farraday, accidentally shot bim in the wrist; the pilot, Mr. A. Mauger, was wounded on the head with a stick, and the Steward was hadle stabled with a knile and the third officer wounded with a kulfe. Captain Farraday, Mr. Mauger, the third Officer and the Steward are in College Hospital. The crew, who are entirely Germans | cruisers and one first-class cruiser would be and Sweder, are in gool at Diamond Harbour, Severier whom they brought back to Calculta.

At Bombay on the 12th Instant, Admiral Kennedy prese ted he medals of the Royal Humane Society to Captain Knox, the Chief Officer, the English quartermenters and the lascer crew of the steamer Nubla, who rescued crew Shah-In-Shah in the cyclone of May, 1803, off the mouth of the Hoophly. The Admiral and Captain Knex both testified to the value of lascar crews, and to their patience, amenability to discipline, loyalty and gallantry.

from Swatow, reported on arrival at Singapore on the 16th fast, that two coolies had jumped overboard shortly before the vessel reached Singapore...

The first salling of the new American line "ocean greybound" St. Louis will be from New York for Southampton on June 5th.

Spain bas just ordered that all steamers flying the Spanish flig or subsidized by the Government shall in future carry none but Spanish engineers. The prevailing practice is to carny at least two British engineers, and formerly all were Bellich.

Rule of the Road at Sea. - The President Rules of the Road at Sea which, according there are watchhouses on top of it in which to Presidential proclamation, should have sentinels stand day and night. Every 300 feet gone Is to effect on March 1st. Every effort will slong the outside of the wall there is a little be made by wide publicity to warn American guardhouse about five feet agrare, which comseamen that the new regulations, which have tains two armed soldiers. Each of these guardbeen generally circulated, are to be ignored. It houses has a well within it lined with six w, and was necessary for the Navy Department to send cablegrams to several warships to prevent them from putting the new code into operation March 1st, The President issued a proclamation on February 26th postponing the effect of the new Rules of the word at Sea until some future date.

NEWS BY THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The Occidental and Oriental Co.'s steamship Gealic, Capt. W. Pearne, from San Francisco, via Yokohama and Nagasaki, with the American mails up to 5th March, arrived in the harbour this morning. We are indebted to our San Francisco exchanges for the subjoined tele-

LONDON, February 27th,

A dispatch to the Standard from Madrid says that at a meeting of the Council on Wednesday evening Senor Abargusa, Minister of the Colonies, announced that the Governor-General of Caba had sent a cablegram announcing that he had sent General in Chamber with several columns in pursuit of armed bands in the province of Santiago de Cuby.

The police attacked and dispersed a band in the province of Matanzas, killing several

MADRID, February 27th,

A dispatch from Havana announces that in skirmishes with the Government troops in Matanuas the rebels lost two killed, and three of their number were taken prisoners. The insurgents at Guantanamo, a short distance east of the city of Santiago de Cubs, have dispersed.

STUCKTON, February 28th. The County Hospital scandal and the indictments found vesterday by the Grand Jury in connection with it, formed the one subject of conversation in Stockton to-day. When it was announced that Dr. Bulson had been arrested and that a man of equal prorquence had been indicted with him and that the charge against the

two was bribing a Supervisor, the thterest grew. This morning Charles Ward, ex-superintendent of the County Hospital, was arrested. He is the other man named in the indictment. Who the Supervisor is is not known yet to a certainty. but it is said that Chairman James Brown of the Board is the man, and he says himself that he has beard it is he who is accused.. He is wealthy contractor, and one of Stockton's most prominent and highly respected citizens. Both Dr. Bulson and Mr. Ward are out on bell, and both are in Stockton. The last named is now engaged in business in San Francisco, having a stable there.

About 11 o'clock this forenoon Ward came into the city under arrest, in company with Sheriff Conningham and Deputy Sheriff Robinson. Ward was in Lathrop this morning and intended to go to San Francisco, but missed the train. While at Lathrop he jearned of the indictments, and, thinking he was bne of the men wanted, drove over to French Camp, from which point he telephoned to the Sheriff that he was there if wanted.

Sheriff Cunningham, who was in Lathrop shortly afterward, followed and overtook him soon after he reached French Camp, and was returning with his prisoner when they met Deputy Sheriff Robinson with the warrant for the exhospital superintendent's arrest.

a short time to secure the \$1000 bonds required, The two arrested men and Supervisor Brown all talk freely and unconcernedly of the matter. and each one declares that he is entirely

HALIFAR (N. S.), February 28th. A mail steamer which arrived from Jamaica to-day brings news of a mysterious robbery. The advices state that the Colonial Bank of London sent five boxes, each containing £1000 gold, to the Colonial Bank of Kingston. When the boxes reached Kingston one of them was empty, the £1000 which it contained having been extracted. There is no clue to the perpe-

LONDON, February 28th. A dispatch to the Datly News from Odessa says that Mme. Modjeska has been forbidden to appear at the Warsaw Theatre, because while | high officials fird to get out and walk in order at Chicago she lectured at the World's Fair on to do him honor. I could see they were all angry Russian oppression in Poland.

Embassador Bayard is suffering from influenza and is going to Bournemouth. The Earl of Cowley died here to-day. He was born August 21, 1834, and succeeded to his title in 1884. On August 7, 1863, he married in the finest of silk, and the ordinary man of rank The shipwrecked Mariners' Association in Java | the second daughter of Colonel Thomas Peers-Williams, member of Parliament, and as a

result of their union two children have been born, a son and a daughter. The sen, Henry Arthur Mornington Wellesley, one time wanted to marry Miss Fortescue, the

actress. HALIFAX (N. S.), February 28th. Advices report that the schooner Rebecca Wood was wrecked while en route to Kingston Regarding the Cairnie Hall mutiny, from from Seville and her crew of six were drowned.

VIEWWA. February 28th. The Fremondblatt, a semi-official newspaper, says Austria-Hungary will accept an invitation to Join in the International Monetary Conference.

BERLIN, February 28th. . It was stated by Herr Licher, the representative | He lives well. His home is by no means an of the Committee on Naval Estimates, in the uncomfortable one, and with its wide verandahe, Reichstag to-day, that the Government did not its queerly shaped ridged roofs, and its warm intend to increase the number of sea-going rooms, heated by fires under the floor, he can, vessels above fourteen. But seven second-class | if he has enough money, live very well. This built. The Government, however, reserved the all comes from the men who grab the soil, and servicers at some father time.

K REAN OFFICIALDOM.

A GLIMPSE BEHIND THE SCENES.

I have just received letters from Korea statiog hat the whol- country is in a state of anarchy, The Tong hake, or rebole, have sprung up agein in ifferent parts of the kingdom. The Japanese send out troops to subdue them, but The Billsh steamer Stam, Capt. J. F. Messer, the moment they are conquered in one place they spring up in another, and they honeycomb even the ranks of the people in Scoul. The King is said to be in great danger, and he fears assausination more than ever. There are many Koreans who hate everything connected with Jap n and as the King is now working t combination with the Tipanese troops be is charged by some with selling out the country. I wrote you some weeks ago of my interview with him. I did not describe his paleces and his court. It would be impossible for any one to have the eccray to these buildings to-day which I had while I was in Seoul. The King of Korea does all his work by

the electric light. He sleeps in the day time, and receives all of his callers at of the United States has signed the joint night. There is a wall about twenty feet high resolution of Congress postponing the new which runs clear around his palace city, and while one roldier watches the other curls himself up like a caterpillar in this well and poes to sleep. The soldiers all sleep in their day clothes, and they rarely have blankets. The rates which go into the palace city are guarded by soldiers. and there are always servants and officials about them. At one time the Kine thought of running a lot of live wires around the palace walls, in order that any one who alternated to climb over them might be killed by the terrible electric shock which would result from the contact,

The boildings in the King's palace cities (he has two in Seoul) are numbered by bundreds. They cover many hundred acres, and he has miles of spartments in different parts of the grounds. He keeps his movements a secret, and only the fewest people know in which palace he sleeps or how long he will stay there. You can never tell where to find him, and it would be | the past said that the present dynasty would last almost impossible to lay a plan for his abduction. He has all the walls of his palace city lighted, the people look upon the war to a certain exten and when the electric plant is in full blast every | as a decree of the fates, and some of them think corner will be bright at night as it is in the that the King's days are numbered. The King daytime. He sleeps in a room guarded by bimself is very provessive, and be would like cunnchs, and in receiving his officials they are | to improve his people. He may be able to do so, required to come into the palace during the life can control his officials, and he will be ab! daytime, and they wait around until his Majesty | to do this only through the Japanese. There is is ready to receive them in the evening. As very little known shout the Government soon as it becomes dusk the gates which enter | Kores, and it will be surprising to many people the palace are closed with heavy doors plated to know that it has a fixed organization, and with iron. They are locked with massive iron | that there are departments in Seoul much like bars, and the keys are then taken into the those at Washington. These are supposed to King. It is death to any one outside of the control the affairs of the kingdam, and in times gatekeeper to touch the locks, and they are so past they have practically controlled the King. beavy that one of them is a load for a man.

The scenes about these gates are more gorgeous than those of the "Arabian Nights," They are surrounded by all the queer characters who make up official Korea. There are soldiers ever, whether investigation would show this to lagain, and if he gets anything shead it is be the case, and it makes me think of the young | squeezed out of him by torture or paddling. socie y lady who, before gring to a party, yel s down to ber mother as follows : "Say, ma, shall I wish for a high or a low

pecked dress?" monocycle approaches the gaudy dude on horse- noce. back sees him, and his fan drops in dismay. He is proud, and he doesn't like to get down, but there is no help for it. He is an under officer. and he cannot tower above the man in the chair. He orders his servants to stop. They lift him of his horse, and he walks along while his superior. rides by. As the chair comes up, its retinue of servants how to all to get out of the way and to bow down before the great man they are carrying. And they do bow and they bow quick. The officials of Korea try not to meet each other on the streets, because of humiliations which they have to undergo of this nature. One day I saw I the King's father go into the palace, and a dosen at having to do so.

It is these nobles who have ruined Korea. The country is said to be poor, but the officials roll in wealth, and it is a wonder to me where they get all the money they spend. They dress who has access to the palace wears a green gown containing enough slik to make a lady's ball dress. The best of Korean hats cost from \$10 upward, and everything is high. Their expenses in keeping up their establishments must be Viscount Dangan, who succeeds to the title, at heavy. Many of them carry from ten to a hundred servants with them when they go along the streets, and these are all lodged in their own quarters. A Korean noble's home consists of a number of one-story buildings surrounded by wall, which is the city opens upon the street by a gate, which is so made that you cannot see inside of the yard when it is open. Haif of this wall is made up of buildings of one-story rooms. eight feet square, and these are the quarters of the servants. The noble has several houses for bimself inside the yard, and a number of buildings for his wife and concubines, money he gets out of squeezing the public. Among the crew the Police discovered a Military right to lectronse the number of the first-class from the offices which the King's officials give to him for a consideration. Such an efficiel to

fairly well educated from a Chinese standpoint. BRITISH TRADE WITH ORIENTAL He has learned to read the Chinese, and he can read and write the Korean. He has passed that examinations by which the King selects his officials, and if he can keep up his share of the King's revenue bis office is usually left with him Many such men wrote poetry and are good talkers and men of much more than ordinary intelliger ce, and the whole nation has the make l' follows :-ing of a very good people if any method can be evolved by which corruption may be done away

with and property rights be preserved. palace walls once or twice, in addition to the trip Alike from the specialist view of the exchange which I made through the grounds when I called | banker and from the national view of the upon the King. The buildings are surrounded | English statesman they tell the same tale of the by a wall, and they are built within pens, each of jidecay of British trade in the East, and the which contains from two to four acres of apace, supersession of British manufactures, by the from six to a desen buildings, and everywhere Throughout the discussion there was a tenyou go you meet soldiers and conuchs.

The King's bodyguard confronts you at every turn, and facre are servants by the tens of hundreds. There are 500 of these brdyguards and each of these is no strong that he has to lift a bar of fron six feet long and weighing 100 pounds form the ground and hold it at arm's length bove his head. This is the test which the soldlers undergo before they are admitted to the guarde If you will straighten cut your arm, bend over and take a rod of from above your head without bending your arm, you will see something of the wonderful strength these men possess. A number of round his chair as he goes from one palace to the other, and as they go they wall out a chant which means something like this : -"Soldiers, protect your King."

The runnichs are also abliquitous, both in China and Korea. These man have great power. They are said to be wise counsellors, and they certainly have a great deal to do with the administration of governmental affairs here. None but cunuchs are allowed to wait upon the Queen. and her Majesty has palaces, soldiers and telinus of her own. They dress like the high officiale, which long gowns reaching to their feet, and horsehair caps. They have long. yellow, sober faces. Their voices have a high falsetto pitch and they move about with a snake-

The Koreans are very superstitious. They have their astrologers, and one of the prophets of only five hundred years. This time is now up, and The King, with the aid of the Japanese, is now running the machine, and it is probable that some of the rebellions throughout the country are fomented by the officiels.

The Government of Korea consists of the in plum-coloured pantaloons and blue coats. King and his officials in Seoul, and a vast There are the King's musicians in yellow, and number of officials who are scattered there are all sorts of gorgeous servants, dressed over the country. The kingdom is divided in bright gowns. Men with paddles for whiping up into eight different provinces. Each of the people squat under the walls, their these provinces has a Governor, who is appointed sleeves rolled up to the shoulder and their by the King, and it is divided up into counties feet and neigh. There are lenpard-skin-covered a magistrate, who is a sort of a ruler and judge. gone in to see the King. There are lackers of bows down before him. Korea has between all sorts, and as you look you see that the "Black | three and four hundred of these magistrates, and gorgeous people on the planet as these officials. | Seoul. They collect the taxes and they have Here comes one of them on horsebeck. He has scores of cribes about them who are a sort of a servant on each side to steady him as he sits political strikers, and who do the dirty work for in the saddle. Another servant leads the horse, them. These lower officers all pay those above and he fans himself as he rides through the them for their offices, and they expect to get streets. His gown is of light blue silk, and he back their money out of the people. The poor looks clean enough to be eaten. I doubt, how- farmer, in fact, has to pay taxes over and over

The high officials of Seoul are numerous, though the most of them have fled to the country on account of the war. I was told that there were eight Vice-Presidents to the Just behind this man, looking even more Home Office when I was in Seoul, and there gorgeous, come another noble riding on a were a number of Vice-Presidents to the Foreign monocycle, with six men pushing and eastying Office. In this office there are about fifteen him. This machine suns on the bicycle principle, clerks and nearly as many Secretaries of State, and it has been in use in Korea for ages. The The King has two men who are supposed to be people go down on their knees when he passes his closest advisers, and these are called the by, and he is undoubledly a very high official | Ministers of the Right and Left. All of these indeed. He has on official boots of black broad- officials when they go to the palace take their cloth. A fifteen-dollar horsehalr cap covers his toilet cases and wardrobes with them, and a head, and the leopard skin, which is only per- servant always trots behind carrying their extra When Ward reached the city it took him but mitted to be used by officials, covers the back of clothes, combs, brushes and other chamber his chair. I note that the other officials furniture, They have to walt a long time often get out of their chairs when they meet before they can sea the King and they cannot him. This is etiquette in Korca, and it get out es the palace before the sun rises. The provides that the man of low rank must never official work is done outside of the palace, but Indocent and has no fears of the result of the be above a man of higer station. As the the ffices are not in full blast until about high

The Koreans, although the laws do not permit the men to go on the streets at night, are fond of late hours. They sit and gossip among themselves, and their parties are always of one sex. They are always either stag parties or ben parties, and the men denty love the flowing bowl. are more old men goseipers in Korea than there are old maid gossipers to America. It is not an uncommon thing for a crowd of young and middle-sged men to spend a night in chatting, singing and in the writing of operry. Is poetry they use the Chinese characters, and the Chinese, ir the off for court language. I may speak in another letter of their education and schools, They are quest in every way, and though they have many things which are cruel and bad, they are, on the whole, a very refined people, and are are writing and printing paper, yellow metal good-natured and kindly.

There is one class of Government officials, and many classes of cotton goods. however, which Kores has which we do not find in America, and which are now restricted to Korea and China. These are the censors. They are appointed by the King, and it is their business 1302 travel over the country and see that justice is administered. There are perhaps a desapol them under the Government, They go about in all sorts of ways and perform the part of official detectives. No one is supposed to know what they are. They may appear in the disguise of a coolie or a peddier, and they will settle in a town roled by an unjust as a tired schoolboy. Occasionally the guard in the magistrate and live among the poor. They find passage outside peered between the bars of the cell, only to find his charge breathing deeply and regularly. This man had violated the law prohibiting murder; to rendedly them. Each of them carries the king's yet he had not vicinted the physical laws governing seal, and they have the right to order my head. his own body, and Nature rewarded him as if he had off believe a Governor. They have of late have been bribed by the officials. The Japan- tossed and tumbled upon his luxurious bed. He was years, however, been very corrept, I am told, and foreigner la Cores that the cleaning of the bigger job than the conquering of China. How conscience? Went of money? The fear of enemies It will turn out, time enty can tell,

COUNTRIES.

The London Times comments on the able written paper read by Mr. T. H. Whitehead bef re the members of the Royal Colonial Institute as

The statements made before the Royal Colonial Institute the other day by Mr. Whitehead, and supported in a weighty speech by Mr. product opportunity to get inside of the Leenard Courtney, do not form pleasant reading. In going to the King you have to pass through rising steam industries of India and Japan. dency to pass lightly over the economic causes which underlie the situation. Independently of questions of currency and tariffs, Great Britain is now beginning to feel the rivalry of the new steam-using countries of Asia for substantially the same reasons as she began to feel the rivalry of Belgium and other European competitors in the middle of the century. India and Japan are reconstructing their industrial system on the basis of the steam power and the co-operation of worse and worse. labour and capital on a great scale. The same weighing too pounds and attempt to life it mechanical force and the same industrial them are always close to the King and they sur- monopoly. The relation of gold to silver is a taking it. After a few doses I felt relief. I kept on most important factor, but the treatment of question assumes an sir of unreality when it is put forward as the sole or even as the fundamental cause.

The figures given in Mr. Whitchead's tables show that, while the total declared value in pounds sterling of British and Trish produce exported from the United Kingdom has decreased during the past 20 years by 7 per cent., the decrease has arisen not in connexion with silvercountries. Indeed, while the decrease of exports from which it is made. Yet so long as it drives away countries, there has been an increase of 18 per cent, to silver-using countries. If we take quantities instead of values and confine our view to the great staple of cotton-cloth exports, Mr. Whitchead's tables show an increase of nearly 130 per cent, to India from 1873 to 1879, an increase of 100 per cent, to silver-using countries of the East and to Mexico, against an increase of only 17 per cent, to all other countries which practically represent the gold-using nations of the world. These rates are not so great as the increase in the preceeding 23 years, to that, proportionately, there has been a falling off. Judged by volume of exports the silver-using countries have been Great Britain's best customers, and it is only the increasing experi to them which has helped to mitigate the decrease of value in the total exports, as shown above, to the gold-using countries. The two great silver-using countries of Asia have by the adoption of modern industrial methods and steam power not only immensely increased their capacity of production, but also their capacity for purchasing the productions of Great

[Note is made of the fact that the low value of silver gives advantage to Japanese manufacturers sgalnet both the British and Indian manufacturers.

TIN AND COAL

Mr. Whitehead gives a clear and not inopportune warning that the case of Manchester does brawny muscles ready for action. There are or districts, each of which has its officers. Every not stand alone among the industries of Great gorgeously caparisoned ponies, who stamp their city or district of ten thousand houses or less has Britain, "Turning to the jute manufacture." chairs watched by servants in livery, awaiting He collects all the taxes and passes upon all thirty years ago nearly the whole of it centred writes Mr. Whitehead, "we find that about the coming of out of their owners, who have disputes. He is a man of power, and every one in Dundee, whereas now about one-third is conducted on the banks of the Hugh, near Cronk" is here outdone. There are no such they practically run the kingdom outside of shores has been most detrimental to British interests." "Tin-minlog has attained large proportions in the Straits, the production having recently increased about 15 per cent. per annum." "The tin mines in Cornwall and Australia will have to submit to this competition at whatever disadvantage to themselves. If we turn to any other industry, the Asiatic races are enjoying a similar advantage over their Western competitors. In the case of coal, of which Japan has a very large supply, we find that several large steamship companies have contracted for bundreds of thousands of tons of Japanese 'coal to be delivered in Singapore " at a price, allowing for 20 per cent, inferiority in quality, of 130, per top, against 30s, which is the price of Welsh coal at the same port. "As Sir Thomas Sutherland recently remarked at a meeting, there may be some gentlemes present who will live to see Peninsular and Oriental steamers built on the Yangtsze in China instead of on the Clyde, the Tees, and the Tyne." Absit owen, but enough has been quoted to show that the cotton manufacture does not stand alone among British industries in the new industrial competition between the East and the West.

JAPANESE COMPETITION.

As furnishing a few concrete examples of the drift of industrial competition between West and East, we may give the following illustrations of cettain goods at Singapore. They form an object lesson in connection with the Hon. T. H. Whitehead's paper :-

PRICES AT SINGAPORE. Japanese Goods. English Goods. Matches (safety).

Amongst the various goods which Japan is now making for this and other Eastern markets sheathing, brass wire, soap, beer, mineral waters

THE GOOD SLEEP OF A BAD

In a certain prison that we all have heard of lay : convict upon his narrow iron oct. He was to be hanged the next morning. Yet he lay there, covered by a rough blanket, sleeping as quietly and soundly been the noblest of his race.

ese, who are now controlling the country, are a good and useful member of society, yet he could not doing what shey can to put down this bribery. sleep. And, worse still, this happened to him every lit is a herculeau task, and it is believed by the night. Bleep—that bleesing which the Pasimist says, "God giveth his beloved," was practically a stranger Augean stables of Korean official corruption is a to this man. What alled him? The tortures of Mothing of the sort. Then why didn't he sleep as FRANK C. CARPENTER in Marwing Call. ... Highly let us look into the multiple.

"I got no elcep at night; I would lie for hours tossing about. In the morning I was worse tired than when I went to bed."

Thus writes Mrs. Eliza Mathews, of 1, North Road, Burnt Oak, Edgware, near London, Lunder date of September 22nd, 1892. Just two years before this time she lost her health. A foul taste in the mouth, loss of supetite, and great distress after eating were among first things she complained of. She craved food at times, and fancled she could cat heartily, vol when the very dishes she had asked for were set before her she turned from them as though they were flith from the gutter. Her skin grew sallow, her even yellow, and she had a constant pain at her chest, sides, and between her shoulders. Her bowels were constipated, and the least exertion set her heart thumping as if it must jump up into her mouth. At such times it was as much as over that she could get ier breath. She got so thin and weak she was no good for work. She couldn't walk out doors without stopping to rest every few rods almost.

The doctor did what he could for her, all any doctor could do. At first he said he thought her illness was owing to the smell of the farm-yard. This looked possible. Even the smell of violets has made strong men turn pale and faint dend away. Yet the doctor was wrong. If he had been right, she would have got better when the family left the farm at Bentley Priory and went to live at Burnt Oak. But she was not improved by the change of air; she grew

"In May, 1887," says Mrs. Mathews, "I want over to Chelmsford to visit my aunt, Mrs. Troughton. methods which gave British manufacturers the She told me of the good Mother Scigel's Curative monopoly in the Asiatic markets are now, when Syrup had done her, when she had indigestion and adopted by Aslatic producers, destroying that dyspepsis. She bought me a bottle, and I began taking it, and in two months I was strong and as well as ever. My husband and friends were astonished. yet I assured them that Seigel's Syrup had done it Yours truly, (Signed) ELIZA MATHEWS."

The point is plain enough. The convict slept soundly because he was a healthy man, although he was a wicked one. Our rich friend rolled about all night because his nerves were unstrung by the state of his stomach. Our correspondent, was prostrated by the same thing-indigestion and dysponsia. The remedy named cured her because it has that power. using comptries, but in connexion with gold-using The reason remains a secret with the roots and herbs between the average of 1870-74 as compared disease and gives us back our health and strongth, with 1893 has been 12 per cent. to gold-using who cares for its mystery? Results, not arguments,

"Burnt Oak House, Edgware, September, 22nd 1892. I have known Mrs. Mathews for some seven years, and remember her long and lingering illness. She informs me that Mother Seigel's Curative Syrup cured her, after medical and other means failed. Mrs. Mathews is a lady of respectability, and her word can be implicitly relied upon. You can use this statement in any way you may think proper. Yours truly, (Signed) T. H. House, Grocer and General Provision Dealer, Burnt Oak Stores, Edgware."-[Advi.

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Co-dan's Advertisements.



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REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA PRECEPTORY will be held in the FREE-MASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING. the 30th instant, at 8.30 for o o'clock precisely. Visiting Knights are cordially invited to attend, Hongkong, 20th March, 1804.

PUBLIC MEETING.

TOY request a MEETING will be held at the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, CITY HALL, on MONDAY, the 1st April, at 11 A.M., to which all interested are invited.

F. HENDERSON, Secretary. Hengkong, 30th March, 1805.

CHINESE IMPERIAL GOVERNMENT PER CENT. SILVER LOAN OF 1886, E. 17TH HALF-YEARLY DRAWING.

THTEREST DUE and DRAWN BONDS of this LOAN will be PAYABLE at the OFFICES of the Corporation on and after the 1st April, 18ot. Lists of Drawn Bonds can be obtained on

application to the Undersigned. For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking CORPORATION,

Agents issuing the Loan, T. JACKSON. Chief Manager. Hongkong, 30th March, 1805.

THEATRE CITY HALL, HONGKONG,

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MENDELSSOHN'S "HYMN OF PRAISE," WILL BE PERFORMED THURSDAY AND SATURDAY,

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Hongkong, 30th March, 1805.

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Houghong, 14th October, 1801.

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ORDERS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 6TH APRIL, 1805. GENERAL

No. 240 - CHURCH PARADE-At Union Church, SUNDAY, 21st instant. Muster Headquarters, at 10 40 A.M. Uniform as detailed in last week's Orders.

No. 250.-DRILLS-MONDAY, at Brigade Parade Ground, COMMANDING OFFICER'S for Members of both Units. Muster Head-

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Detachment to attend. No. 251 .-- INSPECTION .-- WEDNESDAY - Inspection of Corns by H.F. the GENERAL OFFICER COMMANDING, on Brigade Parade

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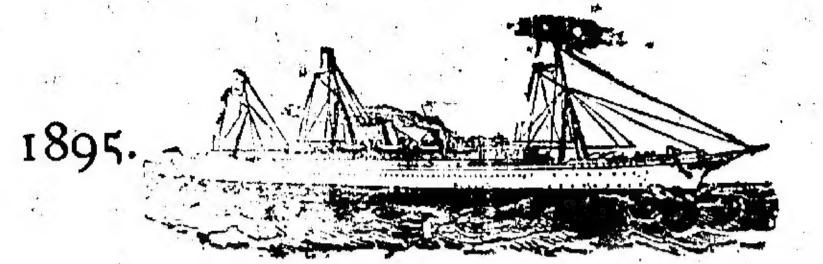
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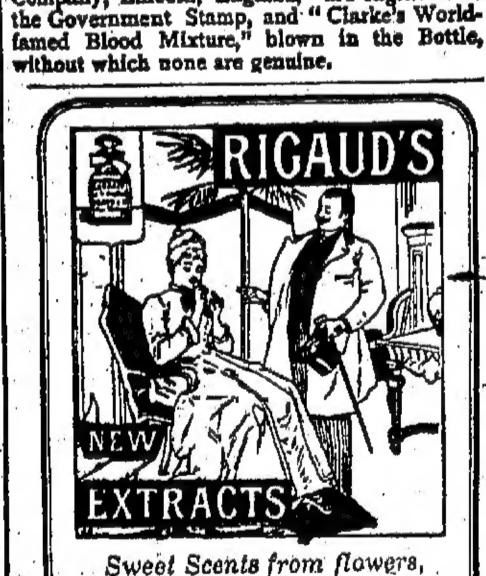
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